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Letter dated 23 May 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to our previous letters regarding item 55 in paragraph 3 of the summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration (S/2016/10), namely the item entitled "Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General" (S/3963), I have the honour to convey herewith the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, Ibrahim Ahmed Abd al-Aziz Ghandour, addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Sameh Hassan Shokry Selim, regarding the continuation of the steps and measures taken by the Government of Egypt in the context of the Egyptianization of the Halaib triangle.

Having brought this to your kind attention, I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Hassan Hamid **Hassan**
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Continued construction of installations on Sudanese territory by our friendly neighbour Egypt

In the context of ongoing communications between us with a view to developing and strengthening relations between our two friendly countries in all areas, I should like to convey to you our deep concern about the acceleration of Egyptian measures to Egyptianize the Hala'ib-Shalatin-Abu Ramad Triangle. We absolutely reject those measures, which include laying the cornerstone for structures affiliated with the Egyptian Ministry of Justice, as well as the construction of a number of services facilities, including desalinization plants, solar energy projects, an electrical grid, and religious schools and academies.

I should like to reiterate that we categorically reject the establishment of Egyptian installations on Sudanese territory in the Hala'ib-Shalatin-Abu Ramad Triangle. We also reiterate our call on you to negotiate or agree to arbitration, for the sake of a better future for both of our friendly peoples.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim Ahmed **Ghandour**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan